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SUBJECT: SFO-VIII GUIDANCE 005: RESPONSE TO RFG ON  
TELEMETRY

REF: A. GENEVA 33 (SFO-GVA-VIII-0XX)  
[1](#)B. GENEVA 31 (SFO-GVA-VIII-017)

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Reason: 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (S) Guidance: In response to Delegation's request for guidance (Ref A), Washington agrees that the four aspects of the Russian telemetry proposal cited in the request are problematic. Washington believes that: 1) The Parties may make proposals for changes during annual reviews; the telemetry exchange provisions would continue until there is agreement by the Parties on any changes; 2) The launches on which telemetry is exchanged should be the subject of discussion during the annual reviews. The sides would discuss how to implement the concept of an exchange on a parity basis. It would be preferable to hold this discussion at the annual review at the beginning of the year of the five launches in question, but would also work if this took place at the annual review immediately following the year in question; 3) The exchange of telemetry should include post-boost vehicle (PBV) information; and 4) The exchange of telemetry should include interpretive data on acceleration and separation times of ICBM and SLBM stages.

[1](#)2. (S) Delegation should draft Protocol and Annex language for Washington review prior to tabling with the Russian delegation that would resolve these problems in a manner that the delegation believes will facilitate reaching a mutually acceptable solution. Delegation may use its discretion on which issues should be included in the Protocol and which in the Annex, but for the key telemetry issues the language (whether in the Protocol or Annex) should be agreed before the Treaty and Protocol are signed.  
End guidance.  
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